

## Media Release

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# Shortlist for 2015 Low Carbon Champions Awards reflects Innovation in Green Transport

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP) has today revealed a diverse shortlist of innovative nominees for the 2015 Low Carbon Champions Awards. The shortlisted organisations and projects reflect the UK's continued progressive thinking in the area of low carbon transport.

The Awards, now in their fifth year, will be presented at the networking and Awards Dinner at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Milton Keynes in collaboration with Cenex on the evening of Wednesday 9 September 2015 – the first of two days of the Cenex Low Carbon Vehicle (LCV) 2015 event.

Returning by popular demand, the Master of Ceremonies will, for the second year running, be the actor and green vehicle enthusiast Robert Llewellyn, best known for his role as 'Kryten' in BBC's Red Dwarf and for presenting Channel 4's Scrapheap Challenge.

The Awards celebrate outstanding and innovative practice in the UK in accelerating the shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and reducing road transport emissions. The LowCVP Low Carbon Champions Awards are one of a select few sustainable development awards schemes to have received accreditation by the Royal Society of the Arts (RSA), enabling category winners to go forward to the European Business Awards for the Environment (EBAE).

The Grand Prix sponsor of the 2015 Low Carbon Champions Awards is again Millbrook, host of the LCV event.

### Awards categories and shortlist:

**1. Low Carbon Car / Van Manufacturer of the Year** (*Sponsor: EDF Energy*)

Shortlisted: Mitsubishi Motors UK; Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd; Volkswagen UK

**2. Low Carbon Heavy Duty Vehicle Manufacturer of the Year**

Shortlisted: BYD Europe B.V.; Optare - Electric Vehicles; Leyland Trucks; Scania GB

**3. Low Carbon Vehicle Operator of the Year** (*Sponsor: BAE Systems HybriDrive®*)

Shortlisted: Dundee City Council; First Bus with City of York; Reading Buses

**4. Low Carbon Fuel Initiative of the Year**

Shortlisted: Convert2Green Ltd; GENeco; Rapid Charge Network project

**5. 2015 Award for Low Carbon Innovation by an SME** (*Sponsor: Advanced Propulsion Centre UK*)

Shortlisted: Avid Technology Limited; Wirth Research; Dearman Engine Co Ltd; Ashwoods

**6. Low Carbon Road Transport Initiative of the Year** (*Sponsor: The Bosch Group*)

Shortlisted: Aberdeen City Council; ECO Stars; GENeco

## **7. 2015 Outstanding Low Carbon Publication or Report**

Shortlisted: Element Energy; ICCT; UK Power Networks; Urban Foresight

**Special awards categories:** (No shortlist; winners announced on the night)

## **8. Outstanding Individual in Promoting Low Carbon Transport**

## **9. 'Grand Prix': Outstanding Achievement in Low Carbon Transport** (*Sponsor: Millbrook*)

Commenting on this year's Awards shortlist, LowCVP Managing Director Andy Eastlake said: "The record number of entries, as well as their quality and diversity, again show how the UK's vibrant low carbon vehicle and fuel sector is leading innovation in clean transport. This year's winners and short-listed entrants can be truly proud of their achievements in the face of some tough competition. I look forward to seeing them all at the dinner and to the excitement of the final announcements."

The LowCVP Champions Awards 2015 will be presented as the central feature of a networking Awards Dinner in collaboration with Cenex on the evening of Wednesday 9 September 2015 - the first of two days of the Cenex Low Carbon Vehicle 2015 event. This year the Awards are to be presented at a bigger and better venue at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Milton Keynes at the MK Dons Stadium, nearly doubling the event capacity compared to last year.

The LowCVP Champions Awards were established in 2010 and this year's event is set to be the leading LCV industry social and networking occasion of the year. Cenex LCV2015, which is being held at Millbrook Proving Ground on 9-10 September, is the UK's Premier Low Carbon Vehicle Event, attracting UK and international visitors and combining a technology exhibition with broad B2B focus, a Ride & Drive in a test track environment, networking activities and an extensive seminar programme. For more information visit <http://www.cenex-lcv.co.uk/2015>

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### **Background information**

The Low Carbon Champions Awards were established in 2010. The Awards – now in their fifth edition - are an initiative of the Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LowCVP), a public-private partnership that exists to accelerate a sustainable shift to lower carbon vehicles and fuels and create opportunities for UK businesses. Nearly 200 organisations are engaged from diverse backgrounds including government, automotive and fuel supply chains, vehicle users, academics, environment groups and wider society. For more information visit [www.lowcvp.org.uk](http://www.lowcvp.org.uk). For more details on the Awards categories see: <http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/initiatives/lowcarbonchampions/index.htm>

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